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The Appeal Brief filed on 23 February 2006 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

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4. (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
5. The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi))
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7. The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
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PATENT EXAMINER

Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief

The examiner respectfully submits that the Appeal Brief, entered 2/23/2006, is non-compliant. The MPEP states:

****>(v) Summary of claimed subject matter.** A concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, which must refer to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.< While reference to page and line number of the specification **>requires< somewhat more detail than simply summarizing the invention, it is considered important to enable the Board to more quickly determine where the claimed subject matter is described in the application. **>For each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately under the provisions of 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii), every means plus function and step plus function as permitted by 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, must be identified and the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function must be set forth with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.** If appellant does not provide a summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v), the Office will notify appellant of the defect in the brief and give appellant a time period within which to file an amended brief. See 37 CFR 41.37(d).<

[Emphasis added]

MPEP § 1205.02.

The examiner respectfully notes that independent claim 1 recites, in part, the following language:

ii) antigen presentation means, which antigen presentation means correspond to the MHC-haplotype to which the cytotoxic T cells are restricted; wherein the solid phase supports of the library are in separate fractions;

Claim 1 at lines 14-16. Thus independent claim 1 has a means plus function or step plus function, as permitted by 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph.

However, the examiner respectfully submits that the instant Appeal Brief does not identify every means plus function or step plus function, and does not identify the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function. Furthermore, such identification is not set forth with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters, as required, (see 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v); MPEP § 1205.02).

Therefore, the examiner respectfully submits that the Appeal Brief, entered 2/23/2006, is non-compliant.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark L. Shibuya whose telephone number is (571) 272-0806. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Paras can be reached on (571) 272-4517. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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